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# Inside College Station

From the City of College Station Public Communications Department • College Station, Texas



Residents and City staff  
at a January 9 meeting



## CITY LOOKS TO BUILD TOWARD THE FUTURE

2008 Bond Election update! >>>

Hundreds of College Station citizens participated in the City's Capital Improvement Program outreach efforts during the month of January. It is projected the City will have capacity to issue \$60 million in bonds for street, parks and facility capital projects over the next five years, according to City of College Station Chief Financial Officer Jeff Kersten. The City will place a bond referendum on a ballot for voter approval in November.

Hundreds of residents attended the four public meetings held throughout College Station. More than 200 residents commented on-line through the City's special forum located on its website. The

community shared with staff and the City Council their desires for improvements to certain roads, the need for bike paths and a senior center, as well as the interest in building a skate park. There was also input on a new City Hall and fire station. These are just a few of the projects being considered by the city.

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The list of possible projects now rests with a 31-member volunteer Citizen Advisory Committee that

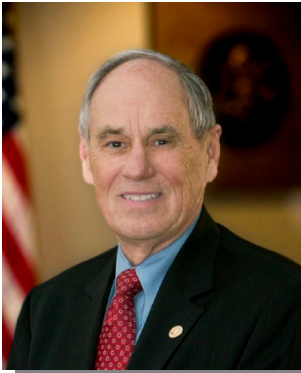
is meeting weekly through the spring to shorten the long list of suggested projects. The committee will present a recommended list of projects to the City Council, who will then make the final decision on which projects to place on the ballot for voter approval.

For more information on the bond election, video clips of previous meetings, and a list of possible capital improvement projects, visit the City's website listed below.

You can also participate in the City's on-line survey which will remain active during this capital improvement process.



For up-to-date information  
on the 2008 Bond Election  
in November, go to:  
**[www.cstx.gov/2008bond](http://www.cstx.gov/2008bond)**



## Mayor Appointed to a National League of Cities Committee

Mayor Ben White of College Station was recently appointed to a one-year term on the National League of Cities (NLC) University Community Council Steering Committee beginning January 1, 2008. The member councils assume a national leadership role by helping to ensure that the needs and interests of municipal officials from communities like yours are included in NLC programs and services.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### April 3 & 17

College Station Planning & Zoning Meeting (7pm)  
@ City Hall\*

#### April 10 & 24

City Council Workshop (3pm)  
& Regular Meeting (7pm)  
@ City Hall\*

#### April 25

"Coffee with the Mayor" (8am)  
@ Conference Center

**College Station Conference Center**  
1300 George Bush Drive

**College Station City Hall**  
1101 Texas Avenue

\*Watch City Council and Zoning meetings live on Channel 19, or go online to [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov)

## Planet Earth Celebration April 19 -----

The annual event is a community-wide public education effort held on Earth Day each April. Local businesses, city services, and service organizations will provide information, educational demonstrations, and displays on: Composting, Energy Conservation, "Green" Building, Illegal Dumping/Littering, Recycling, Tree Planting, Waste Reduction, Water Quality, Wildlife Preservation, and various other environmental topics. The event is free to the public and is targeted for EVERYONE on Planet Earth.

For more information, please visit [www.cstx.gov/planetearth](http://www.cstx.gov/planetearth)

## Hazardous Waste Collection April 26 -----

The Brazos Valley Solid Waste Management Agency (BVSWMA) invites area residents to empty their homes of household hazards on Saturday, April 26. Household hazardous waste items (those that are not safe for the landfill) will be collected from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents from across the Brazos Valley can dispose of these items free of charge. The program offers participants a safe, economical

way to dispose of items that are flammable, reactive, corrosive or toxic.

Solvents, pesticides, caustic cleaners, used oil and batteries are examples of the different types of household hazardous waste that will be accepted.

Tires, medical waste, radioactive waste, household garbage, 55-gallon drums, compressed gas cylinders, ammunition and explosives **will not** be accepted.

For information, contact Shelia McQueen at (979) 764-3806.

## Senior Police & Fire Academy April 3-May 22 -----



Older adults are the fastest growing segment of the American population and are also one of the groups at highest risk for preventable injuries and crimes.

The City of College Station wants to help our seniors with the Senior Police and Fire Academy, sponsored by the College Station Police and Fire Departments. The Academy is scheduled on Thursdays, April 3-May 22, 2008 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Academy Sessions focus on preparation, prevention and personal protection to prevent crimes, vehicle collisions, and all injuries.

To learn more, or to register, call Janice Kemp at 764-3624 or Cindy Giedraitis at 764-3712.